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Irrigation

Memorial by the Tinnevelly District Association to the Government regarding delay in the execution of works based on the T.R.S. proposals.

* 356 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what action, if any, has been taken by the Chief Engineer on a memorial, dated 6th April 1933, by the Tinnevelly District Association to the Government regarding the delay in carrying out the T.R.S. proposals in respect of 26 irrigation works in the Tinnevelly district which was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for disposal in Memorandum No. 1607-D/33, dated 26th April 1933; and

(*b*) what the final order on the same is?

A.—The memorial was forwarded by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) to the Superintending Engineer, Trichinopoly circle, with instructions to get as much work done as was found possible with the regular staff.

The Thirumalaikozhunthupuram drainage channel.

* 357 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Thirumalaikozhunthupuram drainage channel in the Tinnevelly district—

(i) what order, if any has been passed by the Government; and

(ii) when the execution of the remedial work that may be required will be taken on hand and whether the estimates for the same have been sanctioned?

A.—(i) Plans and estimates received for the drainage channel from the Chief Engineer have been referred to the Board of Revenue for remarks. The Government have not yet passed final orders on the matter.

(ii) It cannot be said when the work may be taken up for execution. The estimates have not yet been sanctioned.

Supply of water from the Mettur dam to Omalur taluk.

* 358 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received for the supply of water for irrigation in Omalur taluk of Salem district from the Mettur dam by means of pumping; and

(*b*) if so, how they have been disposed of?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No representations have been received by the Government.

Mr. K. A, NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Member did not see in the newspapers the proceedings of a public meeting with reference to this matter? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I do not remember."

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The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The hon. Member knows that newspaper articles cannot form the subject-matter of questions."

Allotment and expenditure on account of minor irrigation works in the Salem district since 1930–31.

* 359 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the amount spent on minor irrigation works in the Salem district in each year from 1930–31 has been; and

(*b*) whether the allotments were utilized in full in each year, or whether amounts have been left unexpended; if so, how much in each year?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following statement gives the information required in respect of minor irrigation works in charge of the Revenue Department:—

Year.	Allotment.	Expenditure.	Balance.
	RS.	RS.	RS.
1930–31	91,571	90,992	579
1931–32	61,332	61,315	17
1932–33	54,345	53,927	418

As regards minor irrigation works in charge of the Public Works Department, information has been called for.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I know what the reasons are for the reduction of allotment year after year?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"It is one effect of the reduction in Government revenues."

Land Revenue Administration

Damage by floods in South Kanara.

* 360 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report regarding flood damage in South Kanara; and

(*b*) what relief they propose to give in the matter?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 235. The Government have received no report of damage caused by floods in South Kanara since the date of their reply.

Arrears of land revenue in South Kanara.

* 361 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the arrears of land revenue at the end of the last fasli in South Kanara; and

(*b*) the number of lands notified for sale and the number actually sold by the Government last year and this year for the recovery of arrears?